

not provide more than \$1,500,000 for this purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Maryland Department of Transportation shall not expend funds on any job or position of employment approved in this budget in excess of 9,193.5 positions and 159.8 contractual full-time equivalents paid through special payments payroll (defined as the quotient of the sum of the hours worked by all such employees in the fiscal year divided by 2,080 hours) of the total authorized amount established in the budget for the Maryland Department of Transportation at any one time during fiscal 2000. The level of 159.8 contractual full-time equivalents may be exceeded only if the Maryland Department of Transportation notifies the budget committees of the need and justification for additional contractual personnel due to:

- (1) business growth at the Port of Baltimore and BWI Airport which demands additional personnel; or
- (2) emergency needs which must be met (such as transit security or highway maintenance).

The secretary shall utilize the authority under the Transportation Article, Sections 2-101 and 2-102, to implement this provision. However, any authorized job or position to be filled above the 9,193.5 permanent position ceiling approved by the Board of Public Works shall count against the Rule of 50 imposed by the General Assembly. The establishment of new jobs or positions of employment not authorized in the fiscal 2000 budget shall be subject to the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 7-236 and the Rule of 50.